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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Mark Leslie Smythe, et al.

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Response to Office Communication Dated March 18, 2005

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated March 18, 2005 concerning Applicants' response filed on August 30, 2004 to the Restriction Requirement dated July 29, 2004 in the above-captioned application, Applicants provide the following response:

Species Election:

Applicants further elect for initial examination on the merits, species comprising an aromatic ring structure.

Remarks:

Change of Address for Applicants' Undersigned Representative.

Applicants note for the record that the representative of record in this matter has very recently relocated his practice from Williams, Morgan & Amerson (customer number 0023720) to Haynes and Boone, LLP (customer number 0027683) effective March 9, 2005. Authorization for the transfer of this matter to the new firm has been granted and the representative's new firm is submitting a revocation of power of attorney, a new power of attorney, and a change of customer number/correspondence address to formalize this change of representative. Owing to the overseas location of the Applicants, this paper will be submitted via facsimile to the office under separate cover. In the interim, should the Office or the Examiner-in-Charge of this